

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES DISTRICT VI

April 19, 2000
7:00 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center, 2700 N. Woodland

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held in the Lounge at Evergreen Recreation Center, 2700 N. Woodland.

Members Present

Clarence Wiley
Doratheia Sloan
Linda Matney
Sharon Fearey
Bob Schreck
Tony Rangel
John Van Wallegghen
C. Bickley Foster
Wendell Turner
Veronica Casados
Gregory Chinn

Guests

Barry Carroll, MAPD staff
Ray Onitveros, MAPD staff,
Donna Bryant, applicant
Nile Dillmore, Midtown NA
Arturo Garcia, The Wichita Eagle

Council Member Joan Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes for March 27, 2000 were approved as submitted.

The agenda was amended to include:

1) Council Agenda item #2, additional representative appointments for three subcommittees; 2) Item 4b- ***Problem Properties*** to be added as a heading on Council Agenda; and 3) Item 5b-Discussion of *Midtown North Plan*- Council Member Cole asked for assistance in bringing closure to this plan. The agenda was approved to include these items for consideration.

PUBLIC AGENDA

No items were submitted.

PLANNING

REQUEST: **Zoning change from “LP” Limited Industrial to “B” Multi-Family Residential
609 North St. Francis**

The applicant, Donna J. Bryant, is requesting a zone change to allow a limited group residence for adolescent girls.

Barry Carroll, MAPD staff, described the property surrounding the facility, an alley and a vacant four-plex on the west, parking on the north, businesses to the east and a vacant lot on the south. The applicant has visited with CORE, the Historic Midtown Citizens

Association and has had positive feedback. The property sits within 300feet of a Historical property and the applicant will need to visit with the Historical Board to review the proposed plans. Preliminary view from staff is to recommend approval with these conditions: 1) Applicant applies for all permits, 2) Recieves permission to re-zone property to B Multi-family, as this is a down zoning for the area, and 3) Only the maximum amount of clients will be permitted.

Donna Bryant, applicant for the property added that the name of the facility would be "Trinity House", a home for abused children, and would serve in emergency cases and would help children get on the right track. The residents would continue to go to school at Metro-Downtown and the Wichita Area Technical College. Also, the residents would continue counseling if needed from the Health Association Social workers. The outside of the building would be painted, new windows added and landscaped. Council Member Cole asked Board Members to please go by and view this site before the next meeting.

COUNCIL AGENDA

1. **Reconsideration of District Advisory Board Meeting Day**
The day approved for the official meeting will be held on the first Monday of the month and any additional meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting will be held on Monday, May 1st.
2. **CSBG Appointment Recommendations**
Recommendations for CSBG representatives need to be appointed by the May DAB meeting. A list of qualifying neighborhood associations was given out and members will follow up with recommendations.
3. **Board Appointments**
Council Member Cole gave a brief overview of what each committee position will require.
North West Traffic Study: John Van Walleghen will serve as representative.
Wichita Board of Housing: Linda Matney will serve as representative.
Alternative Correctional Housing Advisory Board: Sharon Fearey will check with members of the Midtown association to see if anyone is interested in serving on this committee and report on this at next meeting.
4. **Additional District VI Issues to be considered**
 - The North Midtown Plan: A task force will be formed to assist in closure of the plans for this project. From the task force's recommendations, the Board Members will review and follow up with Council Member Cole.

- Board Members would like to review the railroad issues pertaining to District VI and have a representative from the Public Works Department attend a future meeting to answer any questions that may arise.
- Traffic flow pertaining to 13th, 25th and 29th streets over the *big ditch* will also be discussed at a future meeting.

5. **Review and Summary of Center City *CORE* plan.**

Ray Ontiveros, MAPD staff, provided information regarding the “neighborhood plan.”

Coalition of CORE-10 churches four years ago came together to see how they could better serve the community where their churches are located. *CORE* has involved the neighborhood associations in the area and also tried to include the schools. *The Mission of CORE* is to develop an inclusive, diverse and cosmopolitan neighborhood, where everyone will want to come and live. *CORE* would later like to expand this project by working with the City and by bringing the results of their efforts to all the District Advisory Boards.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Presentation on proposed Park plan at 25th and Wellington Place (NE corner).
Wendell Turner, DAB member and president of North Chisholm Creek Neighborhood Association shared, a proposed plan for a small park site on the NE corner of 25th and Wellington. He showed a video of the proposed site along with a view of the creek that runs behind the park. Now he is in the process of working at getting this site set for a park and has made a presentation to WIN (Wichita Independent Neighborhoods) to be a third party in this proposed project and soon hopes to have information from *Greenways Commission* about a proposed plan for the creek.

Problem properties presented to staff will have follow-up and reported at May 1st meeting.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Dozal
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